

The Holy Spirit:
Christ's Representative,
Successor, a Distinct Person
and Member
of the Eternal Godhead

A Bible Study on the Third Person of the Godhead

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John 14:16-17 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

“The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.” Ellen White, Manuscript, 21, 1906.11.

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Introduction

This is the third part of a four-part series of Bible Studies on the Godhead, developed to provide overwhelming evidence for the existence of the Holy Spirit as a distinct Person and member of the Eternal Godhead. Repeatedly spoken of in the Old and New Testament, it functions at the present time as the Representative and Successor of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth.

In this study on the Holy Spirit we look at the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. This study looks at the attributes of the Spirit, the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit throughout the Scriptures—OT, Christ's life, Christ's teaching on the Holy Spirit, the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit in the Early Church, references to the Holy Spirit in the writings of Paul, etc. The final sections look at two aspects of the Holy Spirit: actions manifesting the personhood of the Holy Spirit; actions manifesting the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

I have complete confidence in the Person and work of the Holy Spirit! The gift described by Christ in John 14-16, the personal activity of the Holy Spirit directing the Early Church, the visitations of the Holy Spirit in our church historically and in the recent past, the desire of the Holy Spirit to make us His temples, the numerous "Three" statements in the Spirit of Prophecy and the quotations on the personhood of the Holy Spirit, all combine to give me perfect confidence in the reality of this most precious gift.

I have added footnotes to give support for the inclusion of some of the verses, and to direct readers to other helpful sources on the particular topic.

Line numbers aid when discussing the Godhead, and match the presentation at the Fairplain SDA Church in March of 2021.

The Bible I use in most of my personal Bible Study is the NKJV. However, since this study began as a careful survey of what Ellen White wrote on the Godhead, and generally used the KJV, I have chosen to use the KJV version in most cases. In the Old Testament section of this study, however, I have used the NKJV because the phrase "Holy Spirit" is usually capitalized, reflecting the belief of other Bible students of the presence and activity of the Third Person of the Godhead in the Old Testament.

I pray you will learn much about the Holy Spirit through this study.—
Dan Augsburg

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Brief Introductory Facts on the Holy Spirit

1 • The Holy Spirit is frequently mentioned throughout the Scriptures.
2 There are 88 references to the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and
3 325 references in the New Testament.¹

4 • The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Godhead.
5 *I only list two references to establish that the Holy Spirit was one of*
6 *the three members of the Godhead. More texts will be listed at the end*
7 *of this study, and in the fourth and final "Eternal Three" segment of*
8 *this four-part series of studies on the Godhead.*

9 Luke 2:25-28 "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose
10 name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for
11 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it
12 was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see
13 death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the
14 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
15 to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in
16 his arms, and blessed God."

17 Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them
18 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

19 • Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit.
20 John 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that
21 I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;
22 but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

23 • Christ's promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.
24 Acts 2:2-4 "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a
25 rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were
26 sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire,
27 and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy
28 Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them

1. Norman Gully, "Trinity in the Old Testament," *Andrews University Seminary Studies* 17 (2006): 93.

29 utterance.’

30 • The Holy Spirit was referred to as God by the early believers.
31 Acts 5:3-4 “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart
32 to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
33 4 Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was
34 it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine
35 heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

36 • The Holy Spirit was known and referred to as a distinct Person.
37 Acts 10:19-20 “While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto
38 him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee
39 down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.”

40 Acts 11:12 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
41 Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the
42 man's house.”

43 Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost
44 said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have
45 called them.”

46 • The Holy Spirit makes effectual the work of Christ.²
47 Luke 2:25-28 “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose
48 name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for
49 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it
50 was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see
51 death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the
52 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
53 to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in
54 his arms, and blessed God.”

55 • This is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.³

2. “The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.” White, *Desire of Ages* 671.2.

3. “The dispensation in which we are now living is to be, to those that ask, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.” White, *Review and Herald*, March 2, 1897, par. 13.

56 Acts 2: 17 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will
57 pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.”

58 *The Attributes of the Holy Spirit*

59 The Holy Spirit is present in all places, at all times
60 (omnipresent).⁴

61 Psalms 139:7-12 (NKJV) “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where
62 can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are
63 there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the
64 wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10
65 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold
66 me. 12 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night
67 shall be light about me.”

68 Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered together in my
69 name, there am I in the midst of them.”

70 The Holy Spirit is all powerful (omnipotent).⁵

71 Luke 1:35-37 “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy
72 Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall
73 overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of
74 thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin
75 Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the
76 sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing
77 shall be impossible.”

78 Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
79 come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
80 and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
81 earth.”

82 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
83 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
84 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

4. “The Spirit of God has unconfined range of the heavenly universe;” Ellen White, *Review and Herald*, August 25, 1896, par. 10.

5. “It seemed that a tidal wave of the glory of the Lord swept over the congregation, and many, many souls were filled with a rich blessing of God; and this occasion to them was one never to be forgotten.” White, Manuscript 2, 1891 }

85 The Holy Spirit is all knowing (omniscient).

86 Romans 8:27 “And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the
87 mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints
88 according to the will of God.”

89 1 Corinthians 2:9-11 “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear
90 heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which
91 God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed
92 them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the
93 deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man,
94 save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God
95 knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

96 The Holy Spirit has a will (sovereign).

97 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same
98 Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same
99 Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God
100 which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
101 to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the
102 word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
103 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by
104 the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another
105 prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of
106 tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these
107 worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
108 severally as he will.”

109 The Holy Spirit is good.

110 Ps. 143: 10 (NKJV) “Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God;
111 Your Spirit is good.”

112 Nehemiah 9:20 (NKJV) “You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct
113 them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave
114 them water for their thirst.”

115 The Holy Spirit loves.

116 Romans 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God
117 is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto
118 us.”

119 Romans 15:30 “Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus
120 Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with

121 me in your prayers to God for me;”

122 The Holy Spirit is holy.

123 *The Holy Spirit is referred to as "holy" at least 89 times.*⁶

124 Psalms 51:11 (NKJV) “Do not cast me away from Your presence, And
125 do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”

126 The Holy Spirit is eternal.

127 Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who
128 through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge
129 your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

130 *Notice that the Hebrew word underlying "eternal" in Hebrews 9:14 is
131 the same word used to describe God as "eternal" in Romans 16:26.*

132 Romans 16:26 “But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the
133 prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God,
134 made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:”

135 The Holy Spirit is a mystery. ⁷

136 John 3:8 “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the
137 sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it
138 goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

139 *The Holy Spirit in the Scriptures*

140 *The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament*

141 The Holy Spirit was active in the time of the Old Testament.⁸

142 Genesis 1:2 (NKJV) “The earth was without form, and void; and
143 darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was

6. Jo Ann Davidson, "A Power or Person: The Nature of the Holy Spirit," *Andrews University Seminary Studies*, 27 (2016): 35.

7. “The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden.” White, *Acts of the Apostles*, 52.1.

8. “During the patriarchal age the influence of the Holy Spirit had often been revealed in a marked manner, but never in its fullness.” *Ibid.*, *Acts of the Apostles*, 37.3

144 hovering over the face of the waters.”⁹
145 Genesis 6:3 (NKJV) “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive
146 with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one
147 hundred and twenty years.”
148 Genesis 41:38 (NKJV) “And Pharaoh said to his servants, ‘Can we
149 find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?’”
150 Exodus 28:3 (NKJV) “So you shall speak to all who are gifted
151 artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may
152 make Aaron’s garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me
153 as priest.”
154 Exodus 31:2-3 (NKJV) “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of
155 Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have filled him with
156 the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in
157 all manner of workmanship,”
158 Exodus 35:31 (NKJV) "He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in
159 wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of
160 workmanship,"
161 Numbers 11:17 (NKJV) “Then I will come down and talk with you
162 there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same
163 upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that
164 you may not bear it yourself alone.”
165 Numbers 11:25 (NKJV) “Then the Lord came down in the cloud, and
166 spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the
167 same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested
168 upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.”
169 Numbers 11:26 (NKJV) “But two men had remained in the camp: the
170 name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the
171 Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who
172 had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.”
173 Numbers 11:29 (NKJV) “Then Moses said to him, ‘Are you zealous
174 for my sake? Oh, that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the

9. For further discussion see Richard M. Davidson, "The Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit in the Pentateuch" (2016) <https://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/pubs/862>. Faculty Publications. 862: Davidson, a professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, provides persuasive evidence for the Holy Spirit in twelve verses in the Pentateuch (Gen 1:2; 6:3; 41:38; Exod 31:3; 35:31; Num. 11:17, 25, 26, 29; 24:2; 27:18; Deut 34:9), arguments for including three other verses (Exod 15:8, 10; 28:3) and typological indications of the Holy Spirit in the Sanctuary service.

175 Lord would put His Spirit upon them!”⁹

176 Numbers 24:2 (NKJV) “And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel
177 encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon
178 him.”

179 Numbers 27:18 (NKJV) “And the Lord said to Moses: “Take Joshua
180 the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your
181 hand on him;”

182 Deuteronomy 34:9 (NKJV) 9 “Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of
183 the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the
184 children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded
185 Moses.”¹⁰

186 Judges 3:9-10 (NKJV) “When the children of Israel cried out to the
187 Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who
188 delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10
189 The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went
190 out to war, and the Lord delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of
191 Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-
192 Rishathaim.”

193 Judges 6:34 (NKJV) “But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon;
194 then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.”

195 Judges 11:29 “Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he
196 passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead,
197 and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of
198 Ammon.”

199 Judges 13:24-25 (NKJV) “So the woman bore a son and called his
200 name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. 25 And
201 the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan
202 between Zorah and Eshtaol.”

203 Judges 14:5-6 (NKJV) “So Samson went down to Timnah with his
204 father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his
205 surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. 6 And the Spirit of
206 the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one
207 would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his
208 hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.”

10. For a complete discussion see Keith Mattingly, "The Laying on of Hands on Joshua: An Exegetical Study of Numbers 27:12-23 and Deuteronomy 34:9" (Ph.D. dissertation, Andrews University, 1997). A summary of relevant information for this study can be found in Richard Davidson, 46-55.

209 Judges 14:19 “And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he went
210 down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil,
211 and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle.
212 And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.”

213 Judges 15:14 “And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted
214 against him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and
215 the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with
216 fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.”

217 1 Samuel 10:6, 9 “And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and
218 thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
219 ... 9 And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from
220 Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass
221 that day. 10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company
222 of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he
223 prophesied among them.”

224 1 Samuel 11:5-6 (NKJV) “Now there was Saul, coming behind the
225 herd from the field; and Saul said, “What troubles the people, that they
226 weep?” And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh. 6 Then the
227 Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger
228 was greatly aroused.”

229 1 Samuel 16:13 (NKJV) “Then Samuel took the horn of oil and
230 anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord
231 came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to
232 Ramah.”

233 1 Samuel 19:20 (NKJV) “And Saul sent messengers to take David:
234 and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and
235 Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon
236 the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.”

237 2 Samuel 23:1-2 (NKJV) “Now these are the last words of David.
238 Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on
239 high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of
240 Israel: 2 “The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on
241 my tongue.”

242 1 Kings 18:12 (NKJV) “And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am
243 gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you to a place I
244 do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he
245 will kill me. But I your servant have feared the LORD from my
246 youth.”

247 1 Kings 22:21-24 (NKJV) “Then a spirit came forward and stood

248 before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' 22 The LORD said
249 to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit
250 in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, You shall
251 persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' 23 Therefore look!
252 The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of
253 yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you." 24 Now
254 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the
255 cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from
256 me to speak to you?"¹¹

257 1 Chronicles 12:18 (NKJV) "Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief
258 of the captains, and he said: 'We are yours, O David; We are on your
259 side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to your helpers!
260 For your God helps you.'"

261 1 Chronicles 28:11-12 (NKJV) "Then David gave his son Solomon the
262 plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its
263 inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; 12 and the plans for
264 all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of
265 all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and
266 of the treasuries for the dedicated things;"

267 2 Chronicles 15:1-2 "And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the
268 son of Oded: 2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear
269 ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while
270 ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye
271 forsake him, he will forsake you."

272 2 Chronicles 20:14 "Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son
273 of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons
274 of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the
275 congregation;"

276 2 Chronicles 24:20 "And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the
277 son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto
278 them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the
279 Lord, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Lord, he
280 hath also forsaken you."

281 Nehemiah 9:20 (NKJV) "You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct
282 them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave
283 them water for their thirst."

284 Nehemiah 9:30 (NKJV) "Yet for many years You had patience with

11. See Richard Davidson, 49 for the Spirit coming upon prophets.

285 them, And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet
286 they would not listen; Therefore You gave them into the hand of the
287 peoples of the lands.”

288 Job 26:13 (NKJV) “By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand
289 pierced the fleeing serpent.”

290 Job 33:4 (NKJV) “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of
291 the Almighty gives me life.”

292 Psalms 33:6 (NKJV) “By the word of the Lord the heavens were
293 made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. [*ruach* =
294 *spirit*].”

295 Psalms 51:11 (NKJV) “Do not cast me away from Your presence, And
296 do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”

297 Psalms 104:30 (NKJV) “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
298 And You renew the face of the earth.”

299 Psalms 139:7 (NKJV) “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where
300 can I flee from Your presence?”

301 Psalms 143:10 (NKJV) “Teach me to do Your will, For You are my
302 God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.”

303 Isaiah 11:1-3 (NKJV) “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of
304 Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the
305 Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
306 The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the
307 fear of the Lord. 3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall
308 not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His
309 ears;”

310 Isaiah 32:15 (NKJV) “Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,
311 And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is
312 counted as a forest.”

313 Isaiah 40:13 “Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his
314 counsellor hath taught him?”

315 Isaiah 42:1 (NKJV) “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect
316 One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He
317 will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.”

318 Isaiah 44:3 (NKJV) “For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And
319 floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,
320 And My blessing on your offspring;”

321 Isaiah 59:19 “So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west,

322 and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come
323 in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against
324 him.”

325 Isaiah 59:21 “As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the
326 Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in
327 thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of
328 thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from
329 henceforth and for ever.”

330 Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV) “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because
331 the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has
332 sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives,
333 And the opening of the prison to those who are bound.”

334 Isaiah 63:10 (NKJV) “But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
335 So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought
336 against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his
337 people, saying: “Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With
338 the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit
339 within them,”

340 Isaiah 63:14 (NKJV) “As a beast goes down into the valley, And the
341 Spirit of the Lord causes him to rest, So You lead Your people, To
342 make Yourself a glorious name.”

343 Ezekiel 2:2 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to
344 me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me.”

345 Ezekiel 3:12 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind
346 me a great thunderous voice: ‘Blessed is the glory of the Lord from
347 His place!’”

348 Ezekiel 3:14 (NKJV) “So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away,
349 and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the
350 Lord was strong upon me.”

351 Ezekiel 3:24 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit entered me and set me on my
352 feet, and spoke with me and said to me: “Go, shut yourself inside your
353 house.”

354 Ezekiel 8:3 (NKJV) “He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me
355 by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and
356 heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of
357 the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of
358 jealousy was, which provokes to jealousy.”

359 Ezekiel 11:1 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to

360 the East Gate of the Lord's house, which faces eastward; and there at
361 the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw
362 Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of
363 the people.”

364 Ezekiel 11:4-5 (NKJV) ““Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy,
365 O son of man!’ 5 Then the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said to
366 me, ‘Speak! ‘Thus says the Lord: “Thus you have said, O house of
367 Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind.”

368 Ezekiel 11:24 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit took me up and brought me in
369 a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to those in captivity. And
370 the vision that I had seen went up from me.”

371 Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NKJV) “I will give you a new heart and put a new
372 spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and
373 give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause
374 you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do
375 them.”

376 Ezekiel 37:14 (NKJV) ““I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall
377 live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that
378 I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it,’ says the Lord.”

379 Ezekiel 39:29 (NKJV) “And I will not hide My face from them
380 anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,’
381 says the Lord God.”

382 Ezekiel 43:5 (NKJV) “The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the
383 inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.”

384 Joel 2:28-29 (NKJV) “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will
385 pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall
386 prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see
387 visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I
388 will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

389 Micah 2:7 (NKJV) “You who are named the house of Jacob: “Is the
390 Spirit of the Lord restricted? Are these His doings? Do not My words
391 do good To him who walks uprightly?”

392 Micah 3:8 (NKJV) “But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the
393 Lord, And of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression
394 And to Israel his sin.”

395 Haggai 2:4-5 (NKJV) “Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ says the Lord;
396 ‘and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be
397 strong, all you people of the land,’ says the Lord, ‘and work; for I am

398 with you,' says the Lord of hosts. 5 'According to the word that I
399 covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit
400 remains among you; do not fear!'”

401 Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) “So he answered and said to me: “This is the
402 word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by
403 My Spirit,’ Says the Lord of hosts.”

404 Zechariah 7:12 (NKJV) “Yes, they made their hearts like flint,
405 refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had
406 sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came
407 from the Lord of hosts.”

408 *The Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ* ¹²

409 Luke 1:15 “For he [John the Baptist] shall be great in the sight of the
410 Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be
411 filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.”

412 Luke 1:34-35 “Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be,
413 seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto
414 her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the
415 Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which
416 shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

417 Matthew 1:18 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When
418 as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came
419 together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.”

420 Luke 1:67 “And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost,
421 and prophesied....”

422 Luke 1:41 “And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the
423 salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was
424 filled with the Holy Ghost.”

425 Luke 2:25-27 “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose
426 name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for
427 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it
428 was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see
429 death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the

12. “The same Holy Spirit that abode in Christ when He imparted to them the instruction He was constantly receiving was to be the source of their intelligence and the secret of their power in doing the very same work that Christ Himself had done.” White, Letter 218, 1906.16.

430 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
431 to do for him after the custom of the law.”

432 Matthew 3:11 “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but
433 he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not
434 worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with
435 fire.”

436 Mark 1:10 “And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the
437 heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him.”

438 John 1:32 “And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending
439 from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him
440 not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me,
441 Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on
442 him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.”

443 Matt. 4:1 “Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be
444 tempted of the devil.”

445 Mark 1:12 “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the
446 wilderness.”

447 Luke 3:21-22 “Now when all the people were baptized, it came to
448 pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was
449 opened, 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a
450 dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art
451 my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”

452 Luke 4:1 “And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from
453 Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.”

454 Luke 4:14-15 “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into
455 Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round
456 about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.”

457 Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
458 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal
459 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and
460 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
461 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

462 Matthew 12:15-18 (NKJV) “But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew
463 from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them
464 all. 16 Yet He warned them not to make Him known, 17 that it might
465 be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 18
466 “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My
467 soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will

468 declare justice to the Gentiles.”

469 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
470 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
471 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

472 *Christ's Teachings Regarding the Holy Spirit*

473 Christ described the Holy Spirit as a distinct and
474 independent Person in John 14-16.¹³

475 *In the following Scriptures, Christ's words contain an anomaly of the*
476 *Greek grammar: the word “Spirit” (Greek *pneuma*) in the neuter*
477 *gender, is repeatedly associated with the personal pronoun “He” or*
478 *“Him” (Greek *ekeinos*), which is in the masculine gender.¹⁴*

479 John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another
480 Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”

481 John 14:17 “Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive,
482 because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for
483 he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

484 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
485 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
486 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

487 John 15:26 “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto
488 you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
489 the Father, he shall testify of me.”

490 John 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that
491 I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;
492 but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

493 John 16:8 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and
494 of righteousness, and of judgment.”

13. “The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God.” White, Manuscript 20, 1906.32. “There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” White, Manuscript 21, 1906.11. Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, work together for human beings. They are united in the work of making the church on earth like the church in heaven.” White, Manuscript 27a, 1900.22.

14. For further discussion of this point see Jo Ann Davidson, 27.

495 John 16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will
496 guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
497 whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you
498 things to come.”

499 John 16:14 “He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and
500 shall shew it unto you.”

501 Christ made abundant promises regarding the gift of the
502 Holy Spirit.

503 Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto
504 your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the
505 Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

506 John 7:37-39 “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood
507 and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
508 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly
509 shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit,
510 which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was
511 not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”

512 Luke 24:49 “And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you:
513 but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power
514 from on high.”

515 Acts 1:4-5 “And, being assembled together with them, commanded
516 them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the
517 promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For
518 John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy
519 Ghost not many days hence.”

520 Acts 1:8-9 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
521 come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
522 and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
523 earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he
524 was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.”

525 Receiving the Holy Spirit would be life-changing, and
526 would greatly advance Christ’s Kingdom.

527 Matthew 12:28 “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the
528 kingdom of God is come unto you.”

529 John 3:6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is
530 born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must
531 be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest

532 the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it
533 goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

534 John 3:34-35 “For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God:
535 for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. 35 The Father
536 loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.”

537 John 6:63 (NKJV) “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits
538 nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

539 The Holy Spirit would be Christ’s successor.¹⁵

540 John 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that
541 I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;
542 but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

543 The Holy Spirit would function as Christ’s
544 representative.¹⁶

545 John 15:26 “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto
546 you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
547 the Father, he shall testify of me.”

548 John 16:14 “He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and
549 shall shew it unto you.”

550 The Holy Spirit would be a Comforter—“another
551 Comforter”—after Christ went to heaven.

552 *The term “another” comforter is significant, for it reminds that Christ*
553 *was a comforter while He was living among humankind. Upon His*
554 *departure to heaven, the Holy Spirit took over the role of comforter on*
555 *earth.*¹⁷ *There are a few statements that suggest Christ was the*

15. “He promised to send them His Spirit as His successor.” White, Manuscript 114, 1904.18. “When Christ ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit took his place, and was a perfect representation of him.” White, Letter 126, 1898. “Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always there, one given in Christ’s place, to act in His stead.” Manuscript 70a, 1897.

16. “Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. ... By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high.” White, *Desire of Ages*, 669.2. “Jesus is present in the person of His representative, the Holy Spirit” White, *Review and Herald*, October 8, 1908, par. 6 “The Lord Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit; for it is his representative. Through it he infuses spiritual life into the soul.” White, *Review and Herald*, August 25, 1896, par. 6.

17. “The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit

556 *comforter—and He was while He was on earth—but upon returning to*
557 *heaven, the Holy Spirit, took over Christ's role!*

558 John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another
559 Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.”

560 The Holy Spirit would be the Spirit—teacher—of truth.

561 John 16:8-10 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin,
562 and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe
563 not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see
564 me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is
565 judged. ... 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will
566 guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
567 whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you
568 things to come.”¹⁸

569 The Holy Spirit is called by various names.¹⁹

570 I describe these as the synonyms of the name of the Holy Spirit.

571 The “Spirit of Christ.” The “Spirit of the Lord.” The “Spirit of God,”
572 “His Spirit.”

in all the fulness of the Godhead...” White, Manuscript 21, 1906.11. “The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ’s name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.” White, Manuscript 93, 1893.8. “Now that He is in heaven, the Holy Spirit is our Comforter.” White, Manuscript 175, 1897.

18. “The Comforter is called ‘the Spirit of truth.’ His work is to define and maintain the truth.” White, *Desire of Ages*, 671.1.

19. Scriptures paired with quotations demonstrating the interchangeability of the titles of the Holy Spirit follow: (1) 1 Peter 1:11 “Searching what, or what manner of time the *Spirit of Christ* who was in them was indicating...” “The *Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ*, it is His representative.” White, Letter 18, 1895.12. (2) Luke 2:25 “And the *Holy Ghost* was upon him [Simeon].” “The secret of Simeon’s life was that the *Spirit of the Lord was upon him*. He was *under the influence of the Holy Spirit*.” White, Letter 104, 1898.17. (3) 1 Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the *Spirit of God*: for they are foolishness unto him.” “*Without the Spirit of God* a knowledge of His word is of no avail. The theory of truth, *unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit*, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart.” White, *Christ Object Lessons*, 408.3. (4) Ephesians 3:16 (NKJV) “Strengthened with might through *His Spirit* in the inner man.” “Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the *mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead*, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. ... Through the *Spirit*

574 The Holy Spirit was poured out as promised.

575 John 20:21-22 “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as
576 my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said
577 this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy
578 Ghost.”

579 Acts 2:1-6 “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were
580 all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound
581 from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house
582 where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven
583 tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were
584 all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues,
585 as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling at
586 Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now
587 when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were
588 confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own
589 language.”²⁰

590 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
591 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
592 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
593 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
594 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
595 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
596 of God with boldness.”

597 Acts 8:14-17 “Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard
598 that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter
599 and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that
600 they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon
601 none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
602 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy
603 Ghost.”

604 Acts 10:44-47 “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell

the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has *given His Spirit* as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.” White, *Desire of Ages* 671.2. [Italics added]

20. “Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. This gift could not be excelled. The divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be His donation, because He would give all gifts in one.” White, Manuscript 44, 1898.11.

605 on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision
606 which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because
607 that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46
608 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then
609 answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be
610 baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

611 Acts 19:16 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy
612 Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

613 The Holy Spirit was active in the early church.

614 • The Holy Spirit instructed.

615 Acts 1:2 "Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through
616 the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he
617 had chosen."

618 • The Holy Spirit appointed leaders.

619 Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,
620 over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
621 church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

622 • Being filled with the Holy Spirit was necessary to hold office.

623 Acts 6:3 "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of
624 honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may
625 appoint over this business."

626 • The Holy Spirit filled believers.

627 Acts 7:55 "But he [Stephen], being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up
628 steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing
629 on the right hand of God," [Refers to the stoning of Stephen.]

630 Acts 11:24 "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of
631 faith: and much people was added unto the Lord."

632 Acts 13:52 "And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy
633 Ghost."

634 • The filling of the Spirit was sought on behalf of others through
635 prayer.

636 Acts 8:14-17 "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard
637 that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter
638 and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that
639 they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon
640 none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

641 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy
642 Ghost.”

643 • The Holy Spirit predicted future events.

644 Acts 11:27-28 “And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto
645 Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and
646 signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all
647 the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.”

648 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
649 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
650 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
651 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

652 • Receiving the Holy Spirit was a key part of Paul's experience in
653 coming to Christ.

654 Acts 9:17 “And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and
655 putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that
656 appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou
657 mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.”

658 • The manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Gentile believers
659 was accepted as proof that they were to be accepted in the church.

660 Acts 10:44-48 “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell
661 on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision
662 which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because
663 that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46
664 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then
665 answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be
666 baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And
667 he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then
668 prayed they him to tarry certain days.”

669 • The Holy Spirit's presence and direction was sought in determining
670 and confirming God's will.”

671 Acts 11:12-18 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing
672 doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we
673 entered into the man's house: 13 And he shewed us how he had seen
674 an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to
675 Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; 14 Who shall tell
676 thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. 15 And as I
677 began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.
678 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John

679 indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy
680 Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did
681 unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I
682 could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their
683 peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles
684 granted repentance unto life.” [Peter is rehearsing what is described in
685 Acts 10:44-48.]

686 • The Holy Spirit's presence and work was looked to for theological
687 direction.

688 Acts 15:6-10 “And the apostles and elders came together for to
689 consider of this matter. 7 And when there had been much disputing,
690 Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how
691 that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by
692 my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. 8 And God,
693 which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy
694 Ghost, even as he did unto us; 9 And put no difference between us and
695 them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why tempt ye
696 God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our
697 fathers nor we were able to bear?”

698 Acts 15:28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay
699 upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”

700 • The Holy Spirit was recognized as the authority in making believers
701 spiritual leaders.

702 Acts 20:28 “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,
703 over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
704 church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

705 • The Holy Spirit communicated through various believers.

706 Acts 21:4 “And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who
707 said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.”

708 The Holy Spirit directed and empowered missionary
709 activity.

710 • The Holy Spirit selected missionaries.

711 Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost
712 said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have
713 called them.”

714 • The Holy Spirit selected missionary venues.

715 Acts 8:29-30 “Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join
716 thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him
717 read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou
718 readest?”

719 Acts 10:19-20 “While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto
720 him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee
721 down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.”

722 Acts 11:12 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
723 Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the
724 man's house.”

725 Acts 13:4 “So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto
726 Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.”

727 Acts 16:6-7 “Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the
728 region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the
729 word in Asia, 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go
730 into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.”

731 • The Holy Spirit supernaturally transported Philip to another location
732 in the course of a missionary journey.

733 Acts 8:39 “And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of
734 the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he
735 went on his way rejoicing.”

736 • The Holy Spirit gave believers boldness in witnessing.

737 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
738 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
739 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
740 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
741 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
742 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
743 of God with boldness.”

744 • The Holy Spirit gave the early believers success in witnessing.

745 Acts 4:4 “Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and
746 the number of the men was about five thousand.”

747 Acts 4:33 “And with great power gave the apostles witness of the
748 resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”

749 Acts 6:6-7 “Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had
750 prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God
751 increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem

752 greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.”
753 Acts 11:21 “And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great
754 number believed, and turned unto the Lord.”
755 Acts 13:48-49 “And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and
756 glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to
757 eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was published
758 throughout all the region.”

759 *New Testament Verses on the Holy Spirit After Acts*

760 • The Holy Spirit brought about conversions and provided spiritual
761 edification.

762 Romans 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God
763 is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto
764 us.”

765 Romans 8:3-4 “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak
766 through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful
767 flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness
768 of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but
769 after the Spirit.”

770 Romans 15:16 “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the
771 Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the
772 Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.”

773 Galatians 4:6 “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit
774 of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”

775 2 Thessalonians 2:13 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God
776 for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the
777 beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit
778 and belief of the truth.”

779 Titus 3:5-6 “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but
780 according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration,
781 and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly
782 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.”

783 1 Peter 1:2 “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
784 through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of
785 the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

786 • The Holy Spirit instructed believers.

787 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the

788 world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things
789 that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not
790 in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost
791 teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural
792 man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are
793 foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are
794 spiritually discerned.”

795 • The Holy Spirit filled the believers.
796 Ephesians 5:18 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but
797 be filled with the Spirit.”

798 • The Holy Spirit performed signs and wonders.
799 Romans 15:19 “Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of
800 the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto
801 Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”

802 • The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Scriptures.
803 2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of
804 man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
805 Ghost.”

806 • The Holy Spirit helps with prayers.
807 Romans 8:26 (NKJV) “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our
808 weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we
809 ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings
810 which cannot be uttered.”

811 Jude 1:20 “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy
812 faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”

813 • The Holy Spirit brings about new relationships with God.
814 Romans 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the
815 sons of God.”

816 Galatians 4:6 “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit
817 of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”

818 • The Holy Spirit brings joy.
819 Romans 14:17 “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but
820 righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

821 Romans 15:13 “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
822 believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy
823 Ghost.”

824 • The Holy Spirit brings power.

825 1 Corinthians 2:4 “And my speech and my preaching was not with
826 enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit
827 and of power.”

828 • The Holy Spirit witnesses for Christ.

829 1 Corinthians 12:3 “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man
830 speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man
831 can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”

832 • The Holy Spirit dispenses gifts.

833 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same
834 Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same
835 Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God
836 which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
837 to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the
838 word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
839 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by
840 the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another
841 prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of
842 tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these
843 worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
844 severally as he will.”

845 • The Holy Spirit seals.

846 Ephesians 1:13-14 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the
847 word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye
848 believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is
849 the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased
850 possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

851 • The Holy Spirit communicates messages to the churches.

852 Revelation 2:7 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
853 unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree
854 of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

855 Revelation 2:11 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
856 unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second
857 death.”

858 Revelation 2:17 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
859 unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the
860 hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new

861 name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”
 862 Revelation 2:29 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
 863 unto the churches.”
 864 Revelation 3:6 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
 865 unto the churches.”
 866 Revelation 3:13 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
 867 unto the churches.”
 868 Revelation 3:22 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
 869 unto the churches.”
 870 Revelation 14:13 “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
 871 Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:
 872 Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their
 873 works do follow them.”
 874 Revelation 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him
 875 that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And
 876 whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

877 *Holy Spirit in More Recent Times*

878 Joel 2:28-29 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out
 879 my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall proph-
 880 esy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see vi-
 881 sions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those
 882 days will I pour out my spirit.”
 883 Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
 884 come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
 885 and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
 886 earth.”
 887 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes as a Heavenly Messenger.
 888 Ephesians 5:18-20 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;
 889 but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and
 890 hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart
 891 to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the
 892 Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”²¹

21. “Have you not been afraid of the Holy Spirit? At times this Spirit has come with all-pervading influence into the school at Battle Creek and into the schools at other places. Did you recognize His presence? Did you accord Him the honor due to a heavenly

893 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes with a tidal wave of power.²²
894 Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where
895 they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy
896 Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”

897 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit is experienced as a baptism of power.²³
898 Acts 1:5 “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized
899 with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

900 *Actions Manifesting the Personhood of the Holy Spirit*

901 *In the this section I list verses appearing throughout the Scriptures*
902 *that indicate the Holy Spirit has the attributes of a real person and is*
903 *more than an influence. All of these references have already appeared*
904 *in earlier sections of this study.*²⁴

905 • Christ referred to the Holy Spirit using the masculine pronoun.
906 John 15:26 “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto
907 you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
908 the Father, he shall testify of me.”

909 John 16:13-15 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will
910 guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
911 whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you
912 things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine,
913 and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine:

messenger? When the Spirit seemed to be striving with the youth, did you say: “Let us put aside all study, for it is evident that we have among us a heavenly guest? Let us give praise and honor to God.” Did you, with contrite hearts, bow in prayer with your students, pleading that you might receive the blessing that the Lord was presenting to you?” White, *Testimonies*, Vol. 8, 61.2. [She was writing of a revival that took place at the school in Battle Creek.]

22. “The glory of God came into that meeting. It seemed at times at the commencement of the meeting that the glory of God was about to drop upon us, it did not come only to a few, but at this time, like a tidal wave, it swept through that congregation and what a time of rejoicing!” White, Manuscript 49, 1894.

23. “When God’s people will believe, when they will turn their attention to that which is true, and living, and real, the Holy Spirit, in strong heavenly currents, will be poured upon the church.” White, Manuscript 21, 1900. “Before giving us the baptism of the Holy Spirit, our heavenly Father will try us, to see if we can live without dishonoring Him. . . . Do not think that you can have great spiritual blessings without complying with the conditions God Himself has laid down.” White, Letter 22, 1902.

24. For very helpful discussions of the personhood of the Holy Spirit, see Jo Ann Davidson, 24-36, and Woodrow Whidden, “The Personality and Deity of the Spirit,” *The Trinity*, (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2002), 66-77.

914 therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

915 • The Holy Spirit was intimately involved in Christ's earthly mission.

916 Matthew 1:20 “But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel
917 of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of
918 David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is
919 conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”

920 Matthew 3:16 “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway
921 out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he
922 saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.”

923 Mark 1:12 “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the
924 wilderness.”

925 Luke 4:14 “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee;
926 and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.”

927 Matthew 12:28 “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the
928 kingdom of God is come unto you.”

929 Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who
930 through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge
931 your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

932 Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the
933 dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also
934 quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

935 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
936 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
937 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

938 • The Holy Spirit appointed workers.

939 Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost
940 said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have
941 called them.”

942 Acts 20:28 “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,
943 over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
944 church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

945 • The Holy Spirit directed the believers.

946 Acts 8:29 “Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself
947 to this chariot.”

948 Acts 11:12 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
949 Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the

950 man's house.”

951 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple
952 of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are
953 not your own?”

954 • The Holy Spirit warned of things to come.

955 Luke 2:26-27 “And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that
956 he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And
957 he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in
958 the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.”

959 Acts 1:16 “Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been
960 fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before
961 concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.”

962 Acts 20:22-23 “And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto
963 Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save
964 that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and
965 afflictions abide me.”

966 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
967 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
968 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
969 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

970 • The Holy Spirit gave theological direction.

971 Acts 15:28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay
972 upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”

973 • The Holy Spirit instructed.

974 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
975 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
976 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

977 Hebrews 3:7 “Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will
978 hear his voice.”

979 Hebrews 9:8 “The Holy Ghost thus signifying, that the way into the
980 holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle
981 was yet standing.”

982 • The Holy Spirit can be resisted.

983 Acts 7:51 “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do
984 always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”

985 • The Holy Spirit strove with human beings.

986 Genesis 6:3 (NKJV) “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive
987 with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one
988 hundred and twenty years.”

989 • The Holy Spirit can be lied to and tempted.

990 Acts 5:3 “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to
991 lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?”

992 Acts 5:9 “Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed
993 together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them
994 which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee
995 out.”

996 • The Holy Spirit can be grieved.

997 Ephesians 4:30 30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye
998 are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

999 Hebrews 10:29 “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he
1000 be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and
1001 hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified,
1002 an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”

1003 • The Holy Spirit intercedes for us.

1004 Romans 8:26 (NKJV) 26 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our
1005 weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we
1006 ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings
1007 which cannot be uttered.”

1008 • The Holy Spirit dispenses gifts.

1009 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same
1010 Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same God
1011 Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God
1012 which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
1013 to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the
1014 word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
1015 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by
1016 the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another
1017 prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of
1018 tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these
1019 worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
1020 severally as he will.”

1021 • Believers are baptized into His name.

1022 Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them

1023 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

1024 • There is a "communion" with the Holy Spirit.

1025 2 Cor. 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
1026 and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

1027 • The Holy Spirit claims our bodies as His temple.

1028 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple
1029 of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are
1030 not your own?”

1031 • Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven.

1032 Matthew 12:31-32 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and
1033 blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the
1034 Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
1035 speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but
1036 whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven
1037 him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

1038 Mark 3:29 “But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath
1039 never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.”

1040 *Actions Manifesting the Deity of the Holy Spirit*

1041 *In this section I list actions demonstrating the Holy Spirit as a co-*
1042 *equal member of the Godhead.*

1043 • The Holy Spirit was involved in creation.

1044 Genesis 1:2 “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness
1045 was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the
1046 face of the waters.”

1047 Psalms 33:6 “By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all
1048 the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” [*ruach = spirit*]

1049 Psalms 104:30 (NKJV) “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
1050 And You renew the face of the earth.”

1051 • The Holy Spirit brings life.

1052 Job 33:4 (NKJV) “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of
1053 the Almighty gives me life.”

1054 • The Holy Spirit is the author of faith.

1055 John 3:3-8 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say
1056 unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of

1057 God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is
1058 old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be
1059 born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man
1060 be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of
1061 God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born
1062 of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be
1063 born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou the sound
1064 thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is
1065 every one that is born of the Spirit.”

1066 • The Holy Spirit instructs and brings to remembrance the teachings of
1067 Christ.

1068 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
1069 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
1070 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

1071 • The Holy Spirit has advanced knowledge.

1072 Acts 11:27-28 “And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto
1073 Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and
1074 signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all
1075 the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.”

1076 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
1077 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
1078 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
1079 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

1080 • The Holy Spirit brings about supernatural attributes.

1081 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the
1082 Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face
1083 beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the
1084 same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

1085 Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
1086 longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance:
1087 against such there is no law.”

1088 Ephesians 5:9 “(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and
1089 righteousness and truth;).”

1090 • The Holy Spirit enabled supernatural utterance.

1091 Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to
1092 speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

1093 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant

1094 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
1095 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
1096 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
1097 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
1098 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
1099 of God with boldness.”

1100 • The Holy Spirit enabled supernatural signs and wonders.
1101 Acts 2:43 “And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and
1102 signs were done by the apostles.”

1103 • The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Scriptures.
1104 2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is
1105 profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in
1106 righteousness.”

1107 2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of
1108 man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
1109 Ghost.”

1110 • The Holy Spirit may be blasphemed.
1111 Matthew 12:31-32 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and
1112 blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the
1113 Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
1114 speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but
1115 whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven
1116 him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

1117 • The Holy Spirit seals.
1118 Ephesians 1:13-14 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the
1119 word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye
1120 believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is
1121 the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased
1122 possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

1123 *The Holy Spirit is a Distinct Member of the Godhead*

1124 *Here are listed some of the verses where the Holy Spirit is seen in*
1125 *ongoing relationship with the other members of the Godhead. These*
1126 *verses will be repeated in the final “Eternal ‘Three’” and “Is One”*
1127 *study, where Scriptures mentioning the three members of the Godhead*
1128 *together are considered.*

1129 Isaiah 48:16 “Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken
1130 in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and
1131 now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.”

1132 Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
1133 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal
1134 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and
1135 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
1136 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

1137 John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another
1138 Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.”

1139 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
1140 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
1141 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

1142 Romans 8:16-17 “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that
1143 we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of
1144 God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that
1145 we may be also glorified together.”

1146 1 Corinthians 12:3-6 “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no
1147 man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no
1148 man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 4 Now
1149 there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are
1150 differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are
1151 diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in
1152 all.”

1153 2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
1154 of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.”

1155 Ephesians 2:18 “For through him we both have access by one Spirit
1156 unto the Father.”

1157 Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are
1158 called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
1159 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in
1160 you all.”

1161 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to
1162 God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the
1163 beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit
1164 and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to
1165 the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1166 Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who

1167 through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge
1168 your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

1169 1 Peter 1:2 "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
1170 through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of
1171 the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

1172 Jude 1:20-21 "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most
1173 holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love
1174 of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal
1175 life."

1176 *The Holy Spirit in Revelation*

1177 *The seven Spirits represent the activity of the Holy Spirit in Revelation*
1178 *1:4-5*

1179 Revelation 1:4-5 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace
1180 be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which
1181 is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5
1182 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first
1183 begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him
1184 that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

1185 *Quotations on the Holy Spirit*

1186 • The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead.
1187 "Christ determined to bestow a gift on those who had been with Him
1188 and on those who should believe on Him, because this was the
1189 occasion of His ascension and inauguration, a jubilee in heaven. What
1190 gift could Christ bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His
1191 ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of His
1192 greatness and His royalty. Christ gave His representative, the third
1193 person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. This gift could not be
1194 excelled. The divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying,
1195 would be His donation, because He would give all gifts in one."
1196 White, Manuscript 44, 1898.11.

1197 • The Holy Spirit is a person.
1198 "The Holy Spirit always leads to the written Word. The Holy Spirit is
1199 a person; for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the
1200 children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own
1201 evidence." White, Manuscript 10, 1906, 31. The Holy Spirit has a

1202 personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our
1203 spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine
1204 person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the
1205 mind of God. ‘For what man knoweth the things of a man save the
1206 spirit of man, which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no
1207 man, but the Spirit of God.’” White, Manuscript 10, 1906, 32.

1208 • The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost.

1209 “On the Day of Pentecost Christ gave His disciples the Holy Spirit as
1210 their Comforter. It was ever to abide with His church. During the
1211 whole Jewish economy the influence of this Spirit has often been
1212 revealed in a marked manner, but not in full. The Spirit had been
1213 waiting for the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. For
1214 ages prayers had been offered for the fulfillment of the promise, for
1215 the impartation of the Spirit; and not one of these earnest supplications
1216 had been forgotten. Now for ten days the disciples sent up their
1217 petitions, and Christ in heaven added His intercession. He claimed the
1218 gift of the Spirit, that He might pour it out upon His people. He
1219 ascended on high, leading captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
1220 Having reached His throne, the Spirit was given as He had promised,
1221 and like a rushing, mighty wind, it fell upon those assembled, filling
1222 the whole house. It came with a fullness and power, as if for ages it
1223 had been restrained, but was now poured forth up on the church, to be
1224 communicated to the world.” White, Manuscript 44, 1898.

1225 • The Holy Spirit is a mystery.

1226 "The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it,
1227 because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful
1228 views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human
1229 construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not
1230 strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, ... silence is golden.”
1231 White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, 52.1.

1232 • The Holy Spirit is one of three living person of the Heavenly Trio.

1233 “There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of
1234 these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—
1235 those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers
1236 will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to
1237 live the new life in Christ.” Manuscript 21, 1906.11.

1238 “The Father is all the fulness of the Godhead bodily and is invisible to
1239 mortal sight.” Manuscript 21, 1906.9. “The Son is all the fulness of the
1240 Godhead manifested. The Word of God declares Him to be ‘the

1241 express image of His person.’ [Hebrews 1:3.] ‘God so loved the world
1242 that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him
1243 should not perish, but have everlasting life.’ [John 3:16.] Here is
1244 shown the personality of the Father.” Manuscript 21, 1906.10. The
1245 Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is
1246 the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead, making manifest the power
1247 of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal
1248 Saviour. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the
1249 name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy
1250 Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and
1251 these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in
1252 their efforts to live the new life in Christ.” Manuscript 21, 1906.11.

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Final Thoughts

1254 • The Holy Spirit’s invisible presence is hard to understand.
1255 “That Christ should manifest Himself to them, and yet be invisible to
1256 the world, was a mystery to the disciples.” White, Manuscript 44,
1257 1897.3. ... The promise of the Comforter presented a rich truth to
1258 them. It assured them that they should not lose their faith under the
1259 most trying circumstances. The Holy Spirit, sent in the name of Christ,
1260 was to teach them all things, and bring all things to their remem-
1261 brance. The Holy Spirit was to be the representative of Christ, the Ad-
1262 vocate who is constantly pleading for the fallen race.... White, Manu-
1263 script 44, 1897.5 ... The thought that their Teacher was going to leave
1264 them filled the disciples with sorrow; but He comforted them with the
1265 assurance that He was coming again to take them to the place He
1266 would prepare for them. He assured them that if He went not away, He
1267 could not provide them with an Advocate: that if they only knew of
1268 the future blessings that were to come because of His departure, they
1269 would not mourn; they would rejoice in the presence of the Holy Spirit
1270 who was to be with them always.” White, Manuscript 44, 1897.11.

1271 • We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
1272 “We need to pray as we have never prayed before for the baptism of
1273 the Holy Spirit; for if ever there was a time when we needed this bap-
1274 tism, it is now. There is nothing the Lord has more frequently told us
1275 He would bestow upon us, and nothing He would be more glorified in
1276 bestowing, than the Holy Spirit. When we partake of this Spirit, we
1277 shall be born again. A firm, unwavering faith in God will be manifest-
1278 ed. The Sun of Righteousness will be in our midst, with healing in His

1279 wings. Souls once lost will be found, brought back, and kept by the
1280 power of God through faith unto salvation.” White, *Signs of the Times*,
1281 October 11, 1899 par. 12.

1282 • God is anxious to give the Holy Spirit to His children.
1283 Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto
1284 your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the
1285 Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

1286 Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
1287 come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
1288 and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
1289 earth.”

1290 • Humans play a role in receiving and keeping the Holy Spirit.
1291 Acts 2:38-39 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized
1292 every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,
1293 and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is
1294 unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as
1295 many as the Lord our God shall call.”

1296 Acts 5:32 “And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the
1297 Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”

1298 Galatians 5:25 “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

1299 • The Holy Spirit will be active in the last days.
1300 Acts 2:17-18 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I
1301 will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your
1302 daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and
1303 your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my
1304 handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall
1305 prophesy.”

1306 • We will worship the Holy Spirit, along with the Father and Christ, up
1307 in heaven.

1308 “As the saints in the kingdom of God are accepted in the beloved, they
1309 hear: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
1310 for you from the foundation of the world.” [Matthew 25:34.] And then
1311 the golden harps are touched, and the music flows all through the
1312 heavenly host, and they fall down and worship the Father and the Son
1313 and the Holy Spirit.” White, Manuscript 139-1906.32.

1314 • We cannot honor God if we do not honor the Holy Spirit.
1315 “We cannot render to God supreme love and honor if we do not

1316 recognize the Holy Spirit which the Lord sends. The Holy Spirit
1317 represents Jesus Christ. He is our refuge unto whom we can run and be
1318 safe. He is always present with the human agent.” White, Manuscript
1319 59 1900.34.

1320 • Rejecting the Holy Spirit is the sin that surpasses all others.
1321 “To reject the Holy Spirit, through whose power we conquer the forces
1322 of evil, is the sin that surpasses all others; for it cuts us off from the
1323 source of our power,—from Christ and communion with him. When
1324 there is a manifest awakening in church or school, and it is evident
1325 that the Holy Spirit is working, the first intimation of the heavenly
1326 influence should be honored. Let the routine of study or work be
1327 secondary, and let every one co-operate with the divine agency, with
1328 hearty thanksgiving that God has visited his people.” White, *Review*
1329 *and Herald*, August 25, 1896, par. 11.

1330 *Addendum*

1331 Quotations Regarding the Eternal Three

1332 *There are many quotations regarding the Father, the Son and the Holy*
1333 *Spirit working together on behalf of believers. Here are but a few of*
1334 *these compelling statements.*

1335 “At the baptismal ceremony we virtually take a most solemn oath in
1336 the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, that
1337 henceforth our lives will be merged into the life of these three great
1338 individual Agencies.” White, Manuscript 68. 1900.12.

1339 “The Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—were
1340 working in behalf of man. Every power in the heavenly universe was
1341 put into activity to carry forward the plan of redemption.” White,
1342 Manuscript 47. 1901.6.

1343 “The three great and glorious heavenly characters are present on the
1344 occasion of baptism. ... All heaven is represented by these three in
1345 covenant relation with the new life.” White, Manuscript 45, 1904.18.

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